

MANIFESTATIONS OF THE THIRD PULL

105 Now, God had a purpose and a hidden mystery. And that's what I want to speak on to the Church this morning, the hidden mystery of God that He had in His mind before the world ever began, and how that it's unfolded itself right down to this present hour that we're living. See? Then you will understand clearly then, you see, on, I believe, what is being done.

106 God's great mystery, of how, it's a secret. He kept it a secret. Nobody knowed nothing about it. Even the Angels didn't understand it. See, He didn't reveal it. That's the reason, under our seventh mystery, when the Seventh Seal was opened, there was silence. Jesus, when He was on earth, they wanted to know when He would come. He said, "It's not...Even the Son Himself don't know when it's going to happen." See, God has this all to Himself. It's a secret. And that's the reason there was silence in Heaven for a space of a half hour, and seven thunders utter their voices, and John was even forbidden to write it, see, the Coming of the Lord. That's one thing He hasn't revealed yet, of how He will come, and when He will come. It's a good thing that He doesn't. No.

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107 He has showed or revealed it in every type that's in the Bible. Therefore, the entire Bible is the revelation of God's mystery in Christ. Hum! The entire Bible is an expression of one goal that God had, one purpose He wanted to achieve in the entire Bible. And all the acts of the—of the believers in the Bible has been in type, an expressing what God's great goal is, and now in this last day He has revealed it and shows it. And God's help, we'll see it right here this morning, what the Lord has had in His mind all along, and has expressed it.

108 Therefore, you can see the great meaning of what it's been to know this, and then try to bring it to the people. See? And then you don't...I haven't went into details to try to explain It as God has revealed it to me.

140 Notice, God has had a threefold purpose in this great mystery secret. God, in His great mystery secret that He had before the world began, He has got a threefold purpose in it. And now what we want to go upon, this morning, is, what is that threefold purpose? See? Now, I believe, by the help of the...of God, Who is present, and He—He'll show it to us. Now, if He had this threefold purpose, we want to find out what is this threefold purpose.

141 The first thing was, that, God wanted to reveal Himself to the people.

142 He couldn't do it as a great Jehovah God Who covered all space, time, and Eternity. He could not. He is too great to ever be revealed to people, because it would be too mysterious. How could that great Being that never did begin...that after you went beyond the cycle of a hundreds of billions and trillions and trillions of years of light space, and on out into the infinite, into the Eternity, and a great Creature that was all that, and still is.

143 But what He wanted to do, He loved fatherhood, for He was a Father. And the only way that He could express it was to become a Son, a Man. That's the reason Jesus kept saying, "The Son of man." See, they didn't know what He was talking about, many of them. But now you get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] See? He wanted to express Himself. That was His, one of His great threefold purposes, was to express Himself, identify Himself with human beings, to reveal Himself in Christ.

144 Secondly, to have the preeminence in His Body of believers, that is, His Bride, that He might live in people.

145 Now, He could do that in Adam and Eve, but sin separated them, so now there had to be some way to get it back again. Oh, my! Oh, when I...This, this is rich, to me, just to even think of it. See? See what God's purpose was? Now why didn't He just keep Adam and Eve like that? Then He would never been able to express His fullness, His full attribute. Because, He could have been a Father there, that's true, but also He's a Saviour. You say, "How do you know He was?" He is, 'cause I've had the experience. See? See? He is a Saviour, and He had to express that. And how could He do it? Only through Christ. How could He be a Son? Only through Christ. How could He be a Healer? Only through Christ. See, all things are wound up in that one Person, Jesus Christ. Oh, my! When I—when I...

146 When I think of it, I—I just see denominations pass off the scene, and everything else just going, see, when I see God's great purpose. Revealing Himself, and having, first, to reveal Himself in Christ, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily." And, then, to bring that "fullness of Godhead bodily" into a people, that He could have the preeminences, the oversight, the leading.

147 Another one, the night, if you didn't get the tape, I preached here one night, on "A prisoner of Jesus Christ." Paul, a prisoner! See? When God gets you to be His prisoner, then you can't do nothing but what the Spirit says do. Paul, with all of his great intellects, he taught...he was taught by Gamaliel to be a great priest or rabbi, someday. And he had high ambitions. He was intellectually a great man, great authority, great man in the nation. But he had to sacrifice every bit of it, see, to become part of the Word, to express Jesus Christ. He knowed what it was to say...

148 He had a notion to go over some place, some brethren had called him, but he was forbidden by the Spirit to do his own will. Oh, if—if people half spiritual can pick that up! See? He was forbidden to do his own will. He only could do..."The Spirit forbid me." See? He was a prisoner to Christ.

149 Then, this little fortuneteller one day, who he knowed, Paul knowed he had power to cast that devil out, but he could only do it as God willed it. Day after day she followed him, crying out after him, but one day the Spirit give him permission. Then he rebuked her, the spirit that was in her. See? He knowed what it was to be a prisoner.

150 Moses, his intellectuals, he had to lose them in order to find Christ, to be a prisoner. Then when God got all the world beat out of him, and all of his mighty man that he was, and stand in the Presence of that Pillar of Fire that day, he was found just speechless. He didn't even, couldn't even talk, he said. God had a prisoner then. See? You won't try after your own searching. Then God had to endue this man, or, endow him with power enough that he could go down there.

151 And he said, "Lord, I told Pharaoh what You said, and he wouldn't do it."

152 He said, "Then take this, thy rod," God speaking, that's God's Word, "go out there and point it towards the East, and call for flies." And flies come into creation, because He had a prisoner that Pharaoh couldn't pay off with nothing. Nobody else could turn him no way. He was a complete prisoner in the chains of God's Word, bound up only to THUS SAITH THE LORD.

153 Oh, if God can get Him prisoners like that! Now, that's when He can express the preeminences, you see. He, He's got the man, or the person, so that he knows nothing but Christ. You get what I mean? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] All right. That's secondly.

154 First, to express Hisself completely, God in Christ.

155 Second, to have the preeminences, by this, in His Church, which is His Body, the Bride, till He could have the preeminence to express Himself through them. All right.

156 And, thirdly, to restore the Kingdom to its rightly position, that fell by sin by the first Adam, back to where He walked in the cool of the evening, with His people, talked with them, fellowshiped with them.

157 And now sin and death had separated them from His Presence and His entire expression. Do you read it? Before the foundation of the world, to express all of His—His—His attributes, what He was.

158 Therefore, if any Trinitarian here would just let yourself loose a minute, you can see that Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is not three Gods. It's three attributes of the same God. See, it's expression. Father, He was, wanted to be a Father, He was a Father. He was a Son. And He is the Holy Ghost. And the Father and the Holy Ghost is the same Spirit. Don't you see? You get it? [Congregation says, "Amen."—Ed.] Not three Gods. The devil has told you them things, to make an idolater out of you. See? It's one God expressed in three attributes. To be Father, to be Saviour, to be Son, to be Healer, see, is His expressions.

159 I want to coast just a little bit so that even people listening to the tape will get the idea, that can see. It would take me around, around that clock, just each one of those subjects. But I hope I'm making it clear enough that you can see what I'm coming to. See?

160 God, expressed in Jesus Christ, Who was both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, "the fullness of the Godhead bodily."

161 Now "the complete fullness of the Godhead bodily" dwells in His Church, the preeminences. All that God was, He poured into Christ; and all Christ was, was poured into the Church, the believers.

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220 And here it is in the circumstances, comes up again. Now He's got him on the journey. The church is already called out, got them on the journey, and they're moving up. And Moses started crying out, "Lord, is it THUS SAITH THE LORD? What must I do?" All right.

221 God wanted Moses to have faith, that He had put in, in the gift that He had clearly a—a vindicated. God had clearly proved to Moses and the people that it was Him, by the Word and by the things that was said come to pass. It was clearly identified. There was no need of him worrying anymore about it. See? There was no more of him thinking anything about it, because it was already cleared up. He had already done these things. And he had already proved, by flies and fleas, that he spoke things into creation, that the Word of God was in him.

222 So here he is going to ask now what to do, when the circumstances lays right before him. See? Oh, my!

223 I hope this goes way down to us, and we can see where we're at. See? Don't it make you feel about that big? Thinking about Moses telling his faults, and look at ours. Yeah. See?

224 Here he was, standing there, see, knowed that the Scriptures said that that was the hour and day for that to happen, and knowed that God had met him in a Pillar of Fire. And It went right down before the people and performed these miracles. And everything he said, it come to pass, even to bringing things into creation. Doing the things that only God could do, showing that his voice was God's Voice.

225 And here was the circumstance with that people that he was raising up, bringing on to the promised land, and then was standing, crying, "What must I do?" That's a human being, want to just...

226 As Brother Roy Slaughter, I believe he is sitting outside the door there, told me one time, about somebody doing something to me. And I said, "Well, I did this, and now is that."

227 He said, "Brother Branham, let them lean on your shoulder today, and tomorrow you pack them." And that's just the way human beings is. Lean on your shoulder today, and tomorrow you pack them.

228 That's it, that's what Moses was doing. God had to pack him along after He had ordained him and proved it to do it. And the people ought to have said, "Moses, say the word. I seen you do it there. God honored you there, and you're the same one today." Amen. See? "Do it!" Amen. He ought to have knowed it, but he didn't. All right. Just as it was then, so is it now. We find out, that. So He said, "Mo-..."

229 God must just got enough of it. God must've got fed up on it. He said, "Why are you crying to Me about? Haven't I already proved My identification? Haven't I told you that I sent you for the job? Didn't I tell you to go do this? Didn't I promise that I'd do this, that I'd be with your mouth, and I'd speak through you and I'd do this, and you'd show signs and wonders? Didn't I promise to do it? Have not I did just exactly, and destroyed every enemy from around you? And here you are standing out here now, at the Red Sea, right in the line of duty, what I told you to do, and then still hollering and crying to Me. Don't you believe Me? Can't you see that I've sent you to do this?" Oh, if that isn't human being! My! So He just must got pretty well fed up on it.

230 And He said, "You know you have need of it. You know if you're going to take these children over to that promised land, that's exactly, you're penned up here in a corner, there ain't nothing else you can do. So there's a need. What are you crying to Me about? What you looking at Me for? What you calling on Me about? Haven't I proved it to the people? Haven't I proved it to you? Haven't I called it? Isn't it Scriptural? Didn't I promise to take this people to that land? Didn't I call you and tell you I would do it? Didn't I call and say I had sent you to do it, that it wasn't you, it was Me? And I'd go down and I'd be with your lips, and whatever you said, I'd a vindicate it and prove it. Haven't I done it?"

231 "Then, when any little thing comes up, why you act like a baby? You ought to be a man. Speak to the people," amen, "then move forward!" Amen. There you are. "Don't cry. Speak!" Amen. Oh, I like that. "Why you crying to Me about? Just speak to the people and go forward to your objective. Whatever it is, if it's sickness, or whatever it is, to raise the dead, or whatever it is, speak! I've proved it. Speak to the people."

232 What a lesson! What a lesson, oh, my, at this stage of the journey where we are standing. Look where we're at now, yes, sir, at the Third Pull. Notice, we're right here at the door, of the Coming of the Lord.

233 He was anointed for the job, and still waiting for THUS SAITH THE LORD. God must just have got enough of it. He said, "Don't cry anymore. Speak! I sent you."

234 O God, what this Church ought to be this morning! With God's perfect vindication, with the Pillar of Fire and the signs and the wonders, everything just like it was in the days of Sodom. He said it would return back.

235 Here is the world in its condition. There is the nation in its condition. There is the women in the condition. There is the men in the condition. There is the church in the condition. There is everything. The elements, the signs, flying saucers and everything in the skies, and all kind of mysterious things, and the sea roaring, tidal waves, man's heart failing, fear, perplexed of time, distress between nations, the church falling away.

236 And the man of sin rising up, who upholds himself above all; who is called God, he that sitteth in a temple of God, showing himself, oh, my, and has come to this nation. And the church has organized, and all of them gathered together, as harlots to the whore, and everything exactly in the way whoredom.

237 Whoredom, what is it? Telling women they can cut their hair, telling women they can wear shorts, tell men they can do this and they can do that; and the preachers, they do this, and a social gospel and things. Don't you see, it's committing adultery with the true Word of God!

238 And God has sent us His true Word, undenominational, no strings tied to It, and give us the Pillar of Fire, the Holy Ghost that's been with us now for thirty years. And everything that He has predicted and said, come to pass exactly the way He did it.

239 Speak to the people, and let's go forward. Amen. We got an objective, that's Glory. Let's move to It. We're headed to the promised Land. "All things are possible to them that believe." "Speak to the people. Haven't I proved it? Haven't I even had My picture made among you, and everything else, and done everything that could be done, to prove that I'm with you? Doesn't the magazines, just a few weeks ago, pack the article, when you said here at the pulpit what would take place out here, and three months beforehand, and there it went taking place and vindicate? Even the science knows about it. And everything that I've done, and you're still waiting. Speak to the people and go forward to your objective." Amen.

240 Didn't Nathan tell David? Nathan, the prophet, one time sitting, seeing David the anointed king, he said, "Do all that's in your heart, for God is with you." Told David, "Do all that's in your heart. God is with you."

241 Joshua was anointed to take the land for God and for his people. The day was short. He needed more time for the job that he was anointed and commissioned to do. Joshua, a man, he was anointed. God told him, "As I was with Moses, I'll be with you." Amen. "That land, I'm going to give it to them. And I want you to go over there and clean out the Amalekites, and—and the Hit-...All—all the others, the Philistines and—and the Perizzites, and all the different ones, clean them out. I'm with you. I'll...No man will stand before you, all the days of your life. No man can bother you. Go on in there."

And Joshua drew that sword and said, "Follow me!"

242 And he got over there, and here he was fighting. And what was it? He routed the enemy. They were little bunches here and little bunches there. When nighttime come, they would all get together and garrison together, and come with a big force against him. And the sun was going down. He needed more light. The sun was going down. He didn't fall on his knees and say, "Lord God, what shall I do? What shall I do?" He spoke! He had a need. He said, "Sun, stand still!" He didn't cry to nothing. He commanded, "Sun, stand still! I've got a need of this. I'm the servant of the Lord, anointed for this job, and I got a need. Stand still, and don't you shine...And, moon, you hang where you're at," till he fought the battle through and whipped the whole thing down. And the sun obeyed him.

243 No crying out. He spoke to the sun, said, "You stand still. Sun, hang there! And, moon, you stay where you're at." He didn't cry out, "Lord, now what can I do? Give me some more sunlight." He had need of sunlight, so he commanded it, and the sun obeyed him. Oh, my! He commanded the sun to stand still.

244 Samson, anointed, raised up, ordained of God, given a gift of power, was ordained to destroy the nation of the Philistines. Ordained, born on the earth, anointed of God, to destroy the Philistines. And one day they caught him out in the field, without his sword, without a spear. And a thousand of those armored Philistines run upon him at one time. Did he get down and say, "O Lord, I'm waiting for a vision. O Lord, what must I do? Direct me now what to do"? He knowed he had a need. He found nothing but an old jawbone of a mule, and he beat down a thousand Philistines. Amen!

245 He never cried to God. He used his anointed gift. He knowed that he was sent for the job. He knowed he was born for that. He knowed he was anointed with a gift, and he beat down a thousand Philistines. He didn't cry to God. God ordained him and vindicated that he was, by other things that he had done. And he was a vindicated, anointed servant of God, to destroy the Philistines, and he did it. No matter what the circumstances was, he did it. He never asked nothing. That was his job, that God was dealing through him, picked up that mule bone and go to beating Philistines. How the...

246 Why, one lick with that thing, across one of them inch-and-a-half brass skulls like that, would have shattered that bone into a million pieces. And he beat a thousand of them down, and killed them, and still stood with it in his hand.

247 Didn't ask no questions. He didn't cry out. He spoke. He routed them. Oh, my! "Take the Philistine, can I take the Philistines, Lord? I—I know You sent me to do it, Lord. Yes, Lord, I know You sent me to destroy this nation of the Philistines. Now here, a thousand of them around me, and I ain't got nothing. What—what am I going to do now, Lord?" Oh, my! Nothing going to bother him. He's anointed for the work. There is nothing can harm you. No, not one thing. Hallelujah! He just took what he had and beat into them. That's right.

248 When the enemy fenced him in, said, "Now we get him in the walls, we got him now. We got him on the inside here with this woman. Now we got the door shut, all around everywhere, and he can't get out. We got him."

249 Samson didn't cry out, "O Lord, they got me all fenced in with this denomination." Huh! "Uh, what am I going to do? I've joined up with them. What am I going to do?" He never did that.

250 He just walked out, and pulled down the gate, and put it on his shoulder, and walked away with it. Amen! He was anointed for the job. He was called of God. Didn't fence him in. No, indeedy! He took the gates with him. He didn't pray about it. He didn't ask God whether to do it or not. It was right in the line of duty. Amen, amen, amen! Right in the line of duty. "Why cry to Me? Speak, and go on!" Amen! "Don't cry. Speak!" He done quit whining and

whimpering now. Ought to be old enough to speak. That's right. He knew his anointed gift of power could destroy any Philistine that stood before him. Amen.

251 But we don't know that, you see. We're still little babies, and with a bottle in our mouth.

252 He knew it, he knowed that God raised him up for that purpose, and there was nothing going to stand before him, all the days of his life. Nothing could destroy him. He was raised for that purpose, like Moses was. Nothing going to stop him. No Amalekites or nothing else can stop him. He's on the road to the promised land. Samson knew he was on the road.

253 Joshua knowed he was taking the land. He was a vindicated. God's Word promised it, and the Holy Ghost was there vindicating it.

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37 Now, faith being the substance, and in there we find out (in Hebrews) what faith was, and what those did who had faith. See, there's many times that people have faith today, and tomorrow they haven't got it; the next day there's something, and something else. But when God once anchors it, and you see it, there's nothing ever going to make you move from it. You're just poking, reaching, presuming. And presume is to "venture without authority"; you're just trying this, and you're trying this, and going this way, and run here, and run there. You haven't got the Faith yet! But when...that is what we call "Faith."

40 And that's the reason I believe those visions, 'cause it's always declared to me the truth, 'cause it comes from the Word. See? Then if He says it, that settles it. Now, when it's declared like that, there's no more guess work, it's going to be. Then you hear it "THUS SAITH THE LORD," see, because it's—it's beyond the human thinking. It's up into the realms of the Lord's thinking. But you're standing here, just as the Vine...just as a branch producing the fruit that's in the Vine. See? God uses man, and man only. God doesn't use machinery. God doesn't use groups of men. God doesn't use organizations. God uses individuals, always!

51 Now, now we see, at first the disciples didn't have this Perfect Faith. They didn't have it, because they'd had Christ, walking with Him; but then afterwards, Christ was in them. And so, you see, it's hard then to have this Perfect

Faith without the Holy Spirit; It has to bring it, It does. Now, you say, "The disciples didn't have Perfect Faith?" No; for they had an epileptic child there, that they were trying to cast this devil out of him, and they couldn't do it.

63-0825E - "Perfect Faith"

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158 Now, my—my dear friend. See? Now, I think here that you—you—you got a—you got a good statement. Yes, sir! Yes, sir! Now, that would be so. You said, "Brother Branham..." In other words, here's what I'm...I don't think that it's...I can...I believe I...Not polishing up what you said, but I believe I can make it a little clearer to people. See? You are believing, because of the Spoken Words and things like that that He said about. And all of you here witnessed the squirrels and all these other things that's been done. But did you notice, that was Sovereignly given! I never asked Him, "Lord, let me do this, speak these things in like that, do these things there." I never asked Him that. He by His Own Divine will came to me and said, "You go do this." See? I wasn't asking one thing about it. Moses never asked to go down in Egypt, but was God that sent him down to Egypt. See?

159 Now, I believe that the Holy Spirit would come to me and say in a vision, "Go tell certain-certain person that they are not—they are trying to overcome a certain thing, and they cannot do it. (And they're smoking; they're drinking; they're lying, stealing, or committing adultery, whatever it might be; or they got lustful spirit.) And you just go where they are and say, 'Thou spirit, come out of there; I set this captive free.'" Would it take place? Absolutely! Yes, indeed, that absolutely would; it'd take place. But now, upon my own presuming...Now, presume is...means "to adventure without authority." See? I go down there to help this person; I'm just presuming that it'll be all right. See? Then I don't know; I can call the Name of the Lord over them; I can pray for them, do whatever I wish to.

160 If I had my own way this morning...I—I just had a interview with this little lady setting in this wheelchair. To come to this meeting today, they had to have the fire department to take her out of her house in Chicago; and people live across the street and don't come to the meeting. See?

161 What would I do? If it was in my power...It is in...I have the authority to do it, but I have to wait for orders to do it. See? I have the authority from God to do it; but now, when He gives the orders, she'd go back home well. See? I know that is the truth. See? I'd just be as willing to die this morning on that as I—I'd be in anything. See? That's the truth.

162 But first, you see, it's all that...No one, even Jesus Himself said, "The Son can do nothing in Himself, but what He seeth the Father do, that doeth the Son likewise." We know that. Saint John 5:19. All right. "The Son does nothing in Himself, but what He sees the Father doing, that the Son will do likewise." All right.

64-0823M - "Questions And Answers #1"

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163. How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord...How do you—how do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?

Now, let...I don't believe I...Let me see if I can get the continuity to it. "How do you feel is the best way (I see it should be a comma there, I suppose)...How do you feel is the best way to find the Lord's will in some important matters?"

183 I tell you, dear friend, the best way to find the will of God in some important matters is prayer. See?

184 Now, let me...Here's a wonderful little thing here. If you—if—if you have a matter that's very important...Now, here's the way I do it. I take it before the Lord. And it's always been my strength; I wait upon the Lord and see what He says. And I just let myself neutral to it, don't take either side, and say, "Now, heavenly Father, it—it can..."

185 Course now, in my case most of the time, if it's very important, I wait on a vision. But many people, God doesn't deal with in visions. So therefore, I wouldn't advise you to do that. See? Because it's just some people that has visions and some does something else. Where you do something else that I couldn't do, maybe—in your way of serving the Lord—I do something that you couldn't do. See? God deals with us different.

186 And so I would if I was in your place and didn't have visions from before the Lord, I would just wait upon the Lord and say, "Lord, now You show me what's the decision to make." And then, way you feel led to do it, then wait just a little bit, then wait a little while longer, and see which way, which side you lean towards, which way the Spirit...Say, "Now, Father, in my heart You know it doesn't matter; but I—I want to know what You want to do about it."

187 That's the way I do about meetings sometime. I feel kind of led to go this way or that way, then I'll follow that way. That's the way to do it, 'cause it's in prayer then; you're doing the best you can.

61-1015M - "Questions And Answers"

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